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FOLL REPEAT STATE 160442 ACTION AMEMBASSY BEIRUT AND AMEMBASSY
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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 160442
E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, LE
SUBJECT: FINALE OF MORGAN CASE

REF: A-775, FEBRUARY 5, 1975

1. WHILE IT IS PREMATURE TO PREDICT OUTCOME OF COLONEL
MORGAN'S KIDNAPPING, FINALE MAY COME QUICKLY, AND WE SHOULD
BE PREPARED BEFOREHAND. ENCLOSURE NO. 1 OF REF AIRGRAM
OUTLINES CONSIDERATIONS IN CASES OF RELEASE OF HOSTAGE
OR WHERE RESULT IS TRAGEDY.

2. PRESS: WHATEVER THE OUTCOME, WASHINGTON WILL COORDI-
NATE USG PRESS HANDLING. PRESS INTEREST WILL BE INTENSE
AND WE WILL WISH TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE, BUT
THERE MAY WELL BE ASPECTS WHICH GOL AND/OR USG WILL NOT
WISH REVEALED. EMBASSY MAY WELL BE LOGICAL PLACE TO
PROVIDE SOME OF FACTUAL BRIEFING TO PRESS, BUT WE CAN
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DECIDE AT TIME. WE WILL LOOK TO EMBASSY TO PROVIDE FULL
FACTUAL COVERAGE BY FLASH MESSAGE. WE WILL ALSO WANT
VIEWS OF EMBASSY ON ASPECTS RELATIVE TO GOL THAT SHOULD
BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN PRESS STATEMENTS OR COMMENTS.
EMBASSY SHOULD DEBRIEF HIM PRELIMINARLY. DEPARTMENT WILL

THEN DECIDE ON DESIRABILITY OF PRESS CONTACT WITH MORGAN
AND MAY ALSO HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR HIS HANDLING OF THE PRESS.

3. AFTER COMPLETION OF PRESS CONFERENCE, IF ANY, AND
DEBRIEFINGS, CINCEUR WILL RESUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR
COLONEL MORGAN. IN THE EVENT OF TRAGEDY DOD WILL BE
RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFICATION OF THE NEXT OF KIN AND
FOLLOW-UP ASSISTANCE IN UNITED STATES AND ANKARA. DOD
WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION AND FUNERAL
ARRANGEMENTS. KISSINGER UNQUOTE

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